

Appln. No.: 10/802,702
Response Dated: August 1, 2007
Reply to Office Action of: July 2, 2007

MAT-7927US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No: 10/802,702
Applicant: Seiji MANABE, et al.
Filed: March 17, 2004
Title: SURFACE LIGHTING DEVICE AND PORTABLE TERMINAL
USING THE SAME
TC/A.U.: 2629
Examiner: Kent Wu Chang
Confirmation: 4821
Docket: MAT-7927US1

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is in response to the Election Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **July 2, 2007**.

Applicants elect for further prosecution the claims corresponding to the Species of Figures 1-5. At present, the claims which correspond to that species are believed to be claims 1-10.

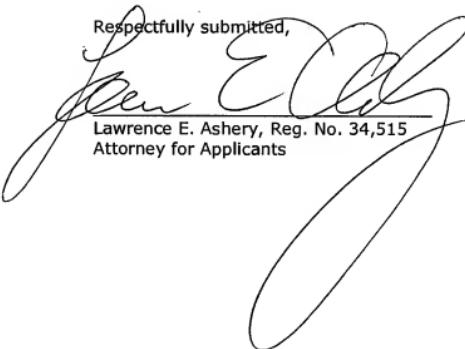
This election is made with traverse. Figures 6-9 correspond to a common exemplary embodiment. Thus, it was improper for the election requirement to separate those Figures as corresponding to patentably distinct species. In addition, Figures 7-9 are modifications of Figure 5 to improve inlet efficiency and the election requirement provides no basis for identifying those Figures as corresponding to a different species. Furthermore, Figures 14-16 illustrate how different types of LED's can be used in exemplary embodiments of the present invention while Figure 17 is a color atlas of the LED. Thus, it was also improper to identify those Figures as separate species.

Appln. No.: 10/802,702
Response Dated: August 1, 2007
Reply to Office Action of: July 2, 2007

MAT-7927US1

Accordingly, the claims corresponding to Figures 1-9 and 14-17 should be treated as one species.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515
Attorney for Applicants

LEA/fp

Dated: August 1, 2007

P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482
(610) 407-0700

179288